Bharat Gold Mines at Kolar in Karnataka

8424. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to resuscitate the ailing over one century old Bharat Gold Mines at Kolar in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the detatils thereof with objectives and amount involved;

(c) whether resuscitation activity will prove to be useful;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d) Due to negative net worth and continuous cash losses, Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML) came under the purview of the Sick Industrial Companies Act, 1985 (SICA). The question of rehabilitation of the company is now before Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) who have held a number of hearings in the case. BIFR appointed M/s. Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) as the Operating Agency (O.A.) to prepare a package for revival/rehabilitation of BGML. The Government will take a view on the availability of the rehabilitation package in this regard.

Pollution in Aluminium plants in Orissa

8425. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Aluminium Plants in Orissa are causing air pollution in that State;

(b) if so, which are those Aluminium Plants;

(c) the anti-pollution measures proposed to be undertaken in those plants; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) is the only producer of primary aluminium in Orissa. The emission level from the Aluminium Smelter of NALCO located at Angul in Orissa is well within the norms.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

ग्रेनाइट का निर्यात

8426. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री मूलचन्द मीणा :

क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान खनिज के निर्यात से अर्जित कुल विदेशी मुद्रा में से ग्रेनाइट के निर्यात से कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित की गई ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : वाणिज्य और सहायक उत्पाद निर्यात उन्नयन परिषद द्वारा दी गई सूचना के अनुसार, वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान खनिजों के निर्यात द्वारा अर्जित विदेशी विनिमय की कुल राशि 32086.6 मिलियन रु० है जिसमें से 7722.9 मिलियन रु० ग्रेनाइट और अन्य पत्थरों के निर्यात से कमाये गये हैं।

MOU signed by KIOCL

8427. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited and Metallurgical and Engineering Consultants (India) Limited have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with two leading Iranian Companies; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the MOU?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) has signed an agreement with M/s. Ahwaz Steel Complex, a unit of National Iranian Steel Company, for providing technical services and consultation to M/s. Ahwaz Steel Complex. KIOCL and the Metallurgical and Engineering Consultants (India) Limited (MECON) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for providing jointly the requisite technical assistance to the Iranian Steel Plant.

Pending Steel Plants of Gujarat

8428. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for setting up of steel plant in the State of Gujarat is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in according the approval; and

(d) by when this proposal is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Under the New Industrial Policy announced in July, 1991, 'iron and steel' industry has been removed from the list of industries reserved for public sector and has also been exempted from the purview of compulsory licensing, except for certain locational restrictions. No industrial licence is, therefore, required to set up a steel plant. No proposal is pending with Union Government for setting up a steel plant in Gujarat. As per the State Government of Gujarat, no such proposal is pending with them.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Setting up Steel Plant with Foreign Collaboration in Gujarat

8429. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Steel Plant in the State of Gujarat with any foreign collaboration in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the name of the foreign company; *and*

(c) the estimated cost and the capacity of the proposed plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Under the New Industrial Policy announced in July, 1991, Iron and Steel' industry has been removed from the list of industries reserved for public sector and has also been exempted from the purview of compulsory licensing except for certain locational restrictions. No industrial licence is, therefore, required to set up a steel plant. As per State Government of Gujarat, the State Government has no proposal for setting up a steel plant with any foreign company collaboration in the near future.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Release of CRC Coils to Traders/ Firms by SAIL

8430. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) have released pickled CRS coils to traders/firms in Delhi and Bombay at a price of non-pickled CRC coils during the last five years;